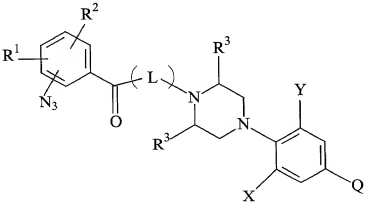
What is claimed is:

1. A compound comprising the formula



wherein:

X and Y are, independently, F, H or CH_3;

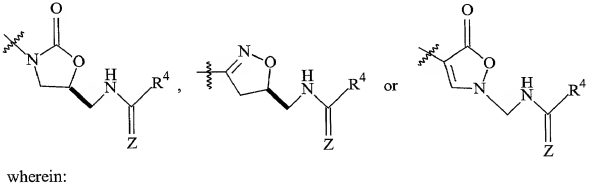
R^1 is H or I;

R^2 is H or OH;

R^3 is H or C_1-C_8 alkyl;

L is a bond or $-OCH_2C(=O)$; and

Q is



wherein:

R^4 is H, CH_3, CH_2CH_3 or cyclopropyl; and

Z is O or S;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound of claim 1 wherein X is F, Y is H, R^3 is H, and R^4 is CH_3.

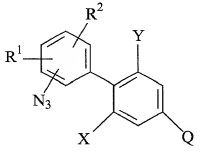
3. A compound of claim 1 wherein said compound is 2-[4-[4-[(5S)-5-[(Acetylamino)methyl]-2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl]-2-fluorophenyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethyl-4-azido-2-hydroxy-5-iodo-^{125}I-benzoate.

4. A compound of claim 1 wherein said compound is N-[[(5S)-3-[4-[4-(4-Azido-2-hydroxy-5-iodo-^{125}I-benzoyl)-1-piperazinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide.

5. A compound of claim 1 wherein said compound is 2-[4-[4-[(5S)-5-[(Acetylamino)methyl]-2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl]-2-fluorophenyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethyl 4-azido-3-iodo-^{125}I-benzoate.

6. A compound of claim 1 wherein said compound is N-[[(5S)-3-[4-[4-(4-Azido-3-iodo-^{125}I-benzoyl)-1-piperazinyl]-3-fluorophenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide.

7. A compound comprising the formula



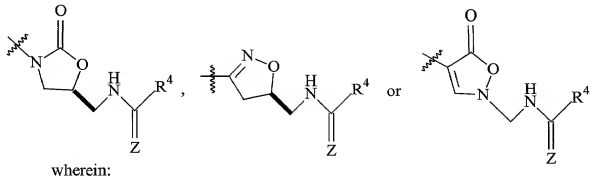
wherein:

X and Y are, independently, F, H or CH_3;

R^1 is H or I;

R^2 is H or OH; and

Q is



wherein:

R^4 is H, CH_3, CH_2CH_3 or cyclopropyl; and

Z is O or S;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. A compound of claim 7 wherein X is F, Y is H, and R^4 is CH_3.

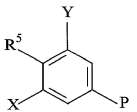
9. A compound of claim 7 wherein said compound is N-[[(5S)-3-(4'-Azido-2-fluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-T_3-acetamide.

10. A compound of claim 7 wherein said compound is N-[[(5S)-3-(4'-Azido-2-fluoro-3'-iodo[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-T_3-acetamide.

11. A compound of claim 7 wherein said compound is N-[[(5S)-3-(4'-Azido-2-fluoro-3'-iodo[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]ethane-^{35}S-thioamide.

12. A compound of claim 7 wherein said compound is N-[[(5S)-3-(4'-Azido-2-fluoro-3'-iodo-^{125}I-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide.

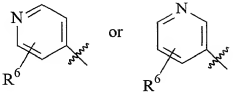
13. A compound comprising the formula



wherein:

X and Y are, independently, F, H or CH_3;

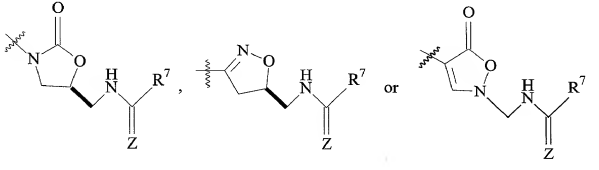
R^5 is



wherein:

R^6 is H, N_3, halogen, NH_2, OH, SH, C_1-C_4 alkylamino, C_1-C_4 dialkylamino, C_1-C_4 alkyl, nitrile, carboxamide, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_4 alkylthio, or C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl; and

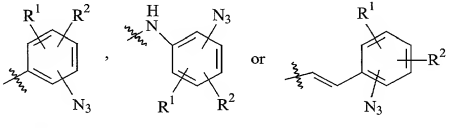
P is



wherein:

Z is O or S; and

R^7 is



wherein:

R^1 is H or I; and

R^2 is H or OH;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

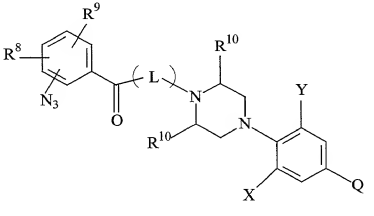
14. A compound of claim 13 wherein X is F, Y is H, and R^6 is H.

15. A compound of claim 13 wherein said compound is (2E)-3-(4-azido-3-iodo-^{125}I-phenyl)-N-[[(5S)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(4-pyridinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-2-propenamide.

16. A compound of claim 13 wherein said compound is 4-azido-N-[[(5S)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(4-pyridinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-2-hydroxy-5-iodo-^{125}I-benzamide.

17. A compound of claim 13 wherein said compound is N-(4-azidophenyl)-N'-[[(5S)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(4-pyridinyl)phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-^{35}S-thiourea.

18. A method of using a compound comprising the formula



wherein:

X and Y are, independently, F, H or CH_3;

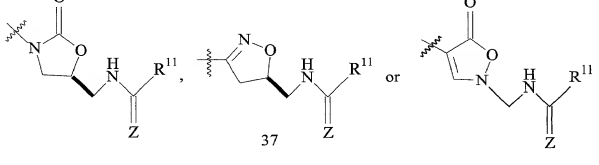
R^8 is H or I;

R^9 is H or OH;

R^{10} is H or C_1-C_8 alkyl;

L is a bond or -$OCH_2C(=O)$; and

Q is



wherein:

R^{11} is H, CH_3, CH_2CH_3 or cyclopropyl; and

Z is O or S;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as a photoaffinity probe.

19. The method of claim 18 comprising the steps:

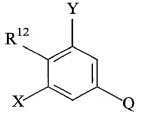
contacting a cell or component thereof with said compound, wherein said compound is radiolabeled;

exposing said radiolabeled compound to light; and

detecting said radiolabel.

20. The method of claim 19 further comprising contacting said cell or components thereof with a competitor compound.

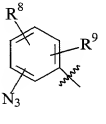
21. A method of using a compound comprising the formula



wherein:

X and Y are, independently, F, H or CH_3;

R^{12} is N_3 or

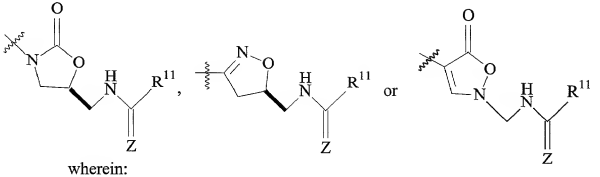


wherein:

R^8 is H or I; and

R^9 is H or OH; and

Q is



wherein:

R^{11} is H, CH_3, CH_2CH_3 or cyclopropyl; and

Z is O or S;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as a photoaffinity probe.

22. The method of claim 21 comprising the steps:

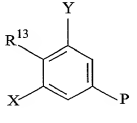
contacting a cell or component thereof with said compound, wherein said compound is radiolabeled;

exposing said radiolabeled compound to light; and

detecting said radiolabel.

23. The method of claim 22 further comprising contacting said cell or components thereof with a competitor compound.

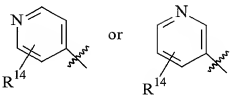
24. A method of using a compound comprising the formula



wherein:

X and Y are, independently, F, H or CH_3;

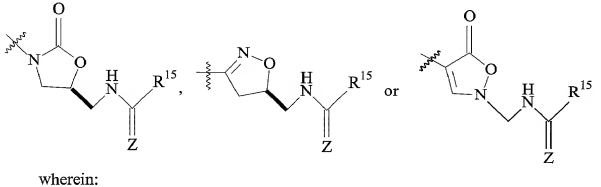
R^{13} is



wherein:

R^{14} is H, N_3, halogen, NH_2, OH, SH, C_1-C_4 alkylamino, C_1-C_4 dialkylamino, C_1-C_4alkyl, nitrile, carboxamide, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_4 alkylthio, or C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl; and

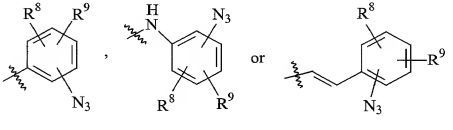
P is



wherein:

Z is O or S; and

R^{15} is



wherein:

R^8 is H or I; and

R^9 is H or OH;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as a photoaffinity probe.

25. The method of claim 24 comprising the steps:

contacting a cell or component thereof with said compound, wherein said compound is radiolabeled;

exposing said radiolabeled compound to light; and

detecting said radiolabel.

26. The method of claim 25 further comprising contacting said cell or components thereof with a competitor compound.